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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEBATES GOE/LIBYAN RELATIONS

1. CAIRO'S ARABIC PRESS GIVES SECOND-LEAD PROMINENCE APRIL 23 TO REPORTS OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY "HEATED" DEBATE APRIL 22 ON RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA FOLLOWING DEATH OF EGYPTIAN WORKER AND BEATING AND EXPULSION OF 265 OTHERS. AFTER THREE-HOUR SESSION ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO FORM COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A) BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LIBYA; B) RECALLING EGYPTIAN WORKERS AND C) REFERRING PROBLEM TO ARAB LEAGUE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AT FONMINS LEVEL.

2. PRESS REPORTS ADD THAT AUTOPSY ON EGYPTIAN WORKER LISTS "STRANGULATION BY LIBYAN POLICE" AS CAUSE OF DEATH.

3. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PUBLIC CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT WELFARE OF THEIR CITIZENS AT HANDS OF GOL, AT SAME TIME TAKING GREAT CARE TO BLAME ENTIRE AFFAIR ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QADHAAFI RATHER THAN ON LIBYAN PEOPLE. ON OTHER HAND, PM SALIM

AND CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, GEN. NASSAR, IN RECENT
CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND DATT, HAVE NOT EXPRESSED UNDUE
ANXIETY OVER RECENT EVENTS. WHILE SALIM CALLED INCIDENTS
"BAD THING", NASSAR POINTED OUT THAT DEPORTED EGYTPANS
DID NOT, AFTER ALL, HAVE PROPER WORK PAPERS ANDPOSED LEGITIMATE
SECURITY PROBLEM FOR GOL.
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